

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-7, 9 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,584,480 (Ferrel). In addition, claims 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferrel. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, however, independent claims 1, 13, and 14 have been amended for clarification. The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-14 over Ferrel for at least the following reasons.

Ferrel describes an authoring environment for publishing content in a Multimedia Publishing (MP) Markup Language on-line. A story editor saves the content in a Multimedia Document Format (MDF) file. As recited on column 37, lines 8-20, the Ferrel MP system separates the content and design to enable efficient transmission and elimination of much of the communication overhead.

Since the design and style sheets of many documents remain fairly static, while only the content changes regularly, relatively small amount of information related to style/design is transmitted (where the major portion of the transmission includes content). In addition to increased efficiency due to reduced transmission of style/design information, the content itself is also transmitted quickly since it consists of tagged components, not the actual pages and control themselves.

It is respectfully submitted that Ferrel is completely silent, and does not teach or suggest "parsing an extensible mark-up language document using a subset of a complete extensible mark-up language grammar", as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 13 and 14.

On page 3, item 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner appears to equate "subset" with a recitation in Ferrel related to tagging the text of a story in a newly designated language, namely, MPML, which is a version of HTML 2.0 with additional extensions. (See column 3, lines 63-67 of Ferrel). It is respectfully submitted that the recitation of "subset" in independent claims 1, 13 and 14 is diametrically opposite the teachings of additional extensions in Ferrel recited in column 3, lines 63-67. "Subset" means less while

"additional" means more, and are thus have diametrically opposing meanings.

Further, with regards to the Examiner's "Response to Arguments", on pages 7-8, item 20, that certain argued features "are not recited in the rejected claim(s)", it is respectfully submitted that subset, which means less, is recited in each of the independent claims 1, 13 and 14. In addition, for clarification purposes, independent claims 1, 13 and 14 have been amended to recite that the subset includes "less than said complete extensible mark-up language grammar".

The recitations in independent claim 1, and the similar recitations in independent claims 13 and 14, of "parsing an extensible mark-up language document using a subset of a complete extensible mark-up language grammar", where the subset includes "less than said complete extensible mark-up language grammar", are nowhere taught or suggested in Ferrel.

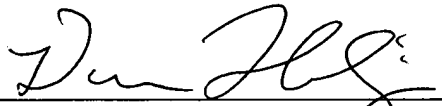
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 13 and 14 should be allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-12 should also be allowed at least based on dependence from independent claim 1 as well as for the separately

patentable elements contained in each of the dependent claims.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position as well as the right to introduce relevant secondary considerations including long-felt but unresolved needs in the industry, failed attempts by others to invent the invention, and the like, should that become necessary.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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